

I find it hard to believe that Sinclair Broadcasting is allowed to force their stations to air an anti-Kerry documentary days before the election. It is a clear example of the dangers of media consolidation, which allows corporations to use our airwaves as if they were their private domains.

Sinclair uses the public airwaves free of charge, and is obligated by law to serve the public interest. However, what we get is more of what's good for the bottom line and less of what we need for our democracy. This is particularly insidious when it subverts elections by airing only its own slanted political view. It's important that we see real people from our own communities and more substantive news about issues that matter.

Sinclair's actions show why we need to strengthen media ownership rules, not weaken them. They show why the license renewal process needs to involve more than a returned postcard. Thank you.